

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018



COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS *Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40*

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: In Sunday School this week students studied "The Fall of Jericho." We are reminded that God is our mighty fortress who delivers us from the false walls of our sin and saves us in the true Joshua, (Jesus) that we might become and remain His people. Ask students, "What did the people of Jericho think their wall (fortress) would do for them? What does God our Fortress do for us?"

2019 BOX ENVELOPES: Is your box of envelopes still out in the Narthex? Don't forget to take it home TODAY! **Please remember: ALL 2019 box numbers have changed from 2018's, so your current number will *not* be the one you'll use starting this January.**

For members who don't currently have a box number for a fiscal end-of-year tax statement and would like to start tracking your Sunday tithes for your 2019 taxes, contact the office today! We have leftover available box numbers up for grabs!

TODAY IS MITE BOX SUNDAY: You can place your mite box in the basket at the Usher's station. These mites help support various LWML missions.

2019 SERVICE SCHEDULES: Don't have access to the internet, but still want access to the Jan – June 2019 schedule for your volunteer

service? Fret not! Near the emergency exit perpendicular to the Sacristy door, a wall file folder has been installed. There, all service schedules for all ushers, elders, readers, etc will be found in the appropriately marked folders. Otherwise, all schedules will be updated and reposted periodically.

THIS MONTH'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES' GUILD MEETING: Ladies' Guild will be meeting January 9th at 10:00 am. Coffee, tea and a sweet roll will be served. Please remember to bring your "Mites for Missions" money. All women of Messiah are invited to attend!

MEN'S NIGHT OUT: The next Men's Night Out will be held on Monday, January 14th at 6:00 pm at Mazatlan Restaurant, located at 6003 244th St. SW in Mountlake Terrace. Please RSVP to Brian Danforth, 206-363-5654.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DAILY READINGS

December 30: Is. 58:1–59:3, 14–21; Luke 1:26–38; **31:** Is. 60:1–22; Luke 1:39–56; **January 1:** Is. 61:1–11; Luke 1:57–80; **2:** Is. 62:1–12; Luke 2:1–20; **3:** Is. 63:1–14; Luke 2:21–40; **4:** Is. 63:15–65:7; Luke 2:41–52; **5:** Is. 5:8–25; Luke 3:1–20.

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HOW?



ARE YOU KIDDING?
WHO **ISN'T** ANNOYED
BY A TWELVE YEAR-
OLD **KNOW IT ALL?**



LUKE 2:41-52

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Epiphany

Matthew 2:9-12

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.